

Meeting Minutes
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 31, 2013 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Murdock Admin. Bldg. - B119 Conference Room

Attendees: Laren Armstrong, Lawrence Harrod, Henry Killion and Stanley Plizga

Absent: Glynn Perkins (excused) and Scott Schermerhorn (excused)

County: Alan Holbach, Judith Nothdurft, Ray Slade, Joanne Vernon and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. with a roll call that established a quorum was present.

The minutes from May 22, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- Newgate Waterway – Mr. Armstrong met with Ms. Vernon and Mr. Slade to survey the Waterway. Photos were taken showing silt filling in from both sides. Some areas are partially blocked and others are almost completely blocked. Stantec Engineering's estimate was for \$265,000 for the silt removal. However, the cost will be increased based on the site inspection. The maintenance of the Waterway will be taken to original depth of what was done before. There is \$600,000 in the fiscal year 2013/2014 budget that can be used. The permits will be applied for within the next two months and permitting will take at least 90 days. Work will not begin until the rainy season is over. A new scope of work and timeline will be provided to the Committee. The Committee agreed to move forward with the additional work.
- Oyster Creek – There was \$85,000 put into the FY 2014 Budget, which can be carried over to the FY 2015 Budget for the work to be done. The Committee asked for M&O to assess the area before the next meeting. This area would require hand removal of exotics only.
- San Domingo Ditch – Removal of the vegetation and herbicide has been completed and looks good. The ditch has been added to the Public Works Aquatic Weed spraying schedule.
- Grass Carp Barriers – There was extensive discussion regarding the project. The Committee supplied a list of vendors that install barriers and grass carp and feels it was unnecessary to hire Johnson Engineering to design the plans for the Carp Barriers. The 80% plans from Johnson Engineering were distributed for review and questions. The Chair met with Commissioner Truex regarding spending funds they didn't deem necessary. The Chair conveyed Commissioner Truex's recommendation to move forward with the Johnson Engineering design plans. It was noted that only the tasks on the Scope of Services that are necessary will be conducted and invoiced. The drawings will be pre-approved by Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Johnson Engineering will complete the plans, create the technical specifications to be used when putting the project out for bid and write a maintenance manual for M&O to maintain the carp barriers. The Committee would like better communication from staff regarding projects and asked to receive invoices in a timely manner. Staff sends invoices only to Committees that request them.
- White Marsh Inlet – An estimate for \$220,000 to line two culvert pipes was given to the Committee. There was discussion regarding installing new pipes or moving forward with the pipe lining. Staff recommended that pipe lining would be the most cost effective. This is not in the budget; however Finance is aware of it. The County has an annual contract with a vendor who installs pipe lining. The project can be added to the annual contract and would be scheduled at the end of the rainy season. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.
- Erosion around sewer pipes – The areas are being inspected by M&O. They may attempt to put down some sod to temporarily stop the erosion or install fabric form after October 1st in FY 2014. The Committee would like the canal brought back to its original depth after the erosion problem is resolved.

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- Coral Creek Restoration Project – Currently no work is being done due to high water. The portion that the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit was responsible for regarding the permit has been completed and paid for (\$76,000). This redirected the water to the East Branch of Coral Creek.
- Buck Creek – M & O has inspected and they are trying to determine if there is access to the creek. There is currently canopy from Pepper Trees growing over the creek, but it has not impeded the flow. The Committee indicated that it is only a matter of time till the flow is impeded and requested it be cleared.
- West Charlotte Stormwater Ordinance Proposed Changes – There was discussion regarding the draft revisions made to the Purpose section of the Ordinance and if it should contain more detail such as grass carp. Mr. Armstrong made a motion to accept the draft as written and have it sent to the Attorney's office in a legal request; motion was seconded by Mr. Plizga and passed unanimously. There was also discussion regarding the draft revision to the Membership section to increase the membership from 5 to 7 regular members. The Committee agreed to table the membership increase revision.

New Business:

- Activity Report – The report was distributed for review and questions. The Committee requested the report be sent to them one week in advance of the meetings to allow time for review prior to the meeting.
- Rotonda West Backyard Drainage -There was discussion regarding the possibility of the County taking back certain drainage easements in Rotonda West. There are five locations where the backyards are deteriorating and disappearing. However, MSBU funds can't be used on private property. M&O reviewed and measured for pipes. Piping would be the solution. Mr. Holbach agreed to work with Mr. Peszko to identify the specific areas to determine if piping would provide a public purpose; without the County taking back the easements.
- West County Stormwater Master Plan - The subject of a watershed analysis for the entire West County was discussed. This would be a joint project between the County and SWFWMD with a 50/50 cost match. The Committee agreed that a watershed analysis with a cost of \$1.2 million wouldn't be prudent to do at this time. This can be considered in the future.
- Committee Input – Mr. Harrod asked if there will be any follow up after the grass carp are in place. This has not been discussed. The Aquatic Contractor for the Rotonda West Association can be contacted.
- Agenda Addition – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that Mr. Ron Bick, the chair of the South Gulf Cove Waterway Advisory Committee contacted her to request funding for grass carp in his area. After discussion regarding who should be responsible for grass carp and water quality testing, Mr. Killion agreed to attend the next South Gulf Cove Waterway meeting to discuss the subject with the Committee and will report back.
- Public Input – Ms. Price, chair for the South Gulf Cove Beautification Advisory Committee commended this committee. She asked for clarification regarding the culvert pipes located in White Marsh.
- Carp Timeline – will probably be during the winter. They must be put in place during the cool months.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

**WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, July 31, 2013

MEETING TIME: 2:00 P.M. – Building Construction Services

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